

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claim is amended, and claims 12, 19-25, and 27 are canceled.

Thus, claims 13-15 and 18 and 26 are pending. Claim 13 is amended into independent form.

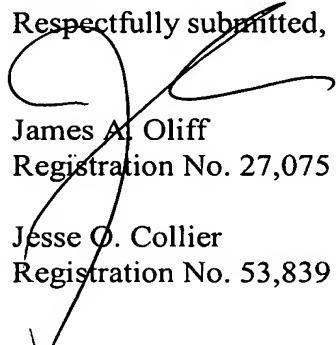
No new matter is added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks.

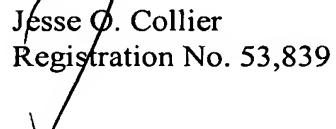
Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Office Action's indication that claims 13-15 and 18 and 26 recite allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, Applicant amends claim 13 into independent form and cancels all rejected claims. Thus, the rejections of the canceled claims are moot and claims 13-15 and 18 and 26 should be allowed.

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Applicant earnestly solicits favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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